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Dear Harold,

Just for the hell of it, I went through microfilm of St. Louis Post-Dispatch around time of assass. Found what I think is an important article. UPI on 11/21 reported of the Honolulu meeting that things were going good in S Nam, at least so that events there since the coup would not affect US policy. No changes in policy was the emphasis. Withdrawal mentioned though, erroneously I think, saying 1,300 would be taken out.

This is all contrary to impressions of the conference after assass. Then it was made to seem that Lodge was coming to tell JFK how things had worsened from the coup, leading to the revision of the revision.

Inquirer for that day carried an abridged version of the story and I could not find it at all in the Times. Will check again and get copies. Didn't even have pen or papaer with me this time.

Also noted article on JFK 11/21 speech, lashing out at rt wing, calling their beliefs "nonsense." Perhaps you would want copy of article.

Was the later assertion of increased VC activity an invention? I am coming to think that it was.

Best

Howard